

Fischer-Hanlon House
G Street between First and W. Second Streets
Benicia
Solano County
California

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE California	COUNTY Solano	TOWN OR VICINITY Benicia
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Fischer-Hanlon House		HABS NO. CA-1889
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) G Street, west of the State Capitol, between First and West Second Streets		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1840s	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) None Known	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) According to family tradition, this house was originally a frame hotel located on lower First Street. Damaged by fire, it was moved to this site after the property was acquired by Joseph Fischer, a butcher, in 1858. In 1960, the structure was owned by his granddaughters, the Hanlon sisters.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Clapboard over frame		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two stories, L-shaped		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE One-story porch frames doorway, which has sidelights and transom window; six-over-six-light windows with shutters; gable roof.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Floor plan originally was three rooms across main block of building, with verandah across rear; interior features center stairway with turned balusters and newel posts.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES When it was moved to this site, the building was turned around. Since being at this site, the rear verandah was enclosed to make long sunroom on second floor and kitchen, pantry, and sitting room on first floor.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Restored by the state for a historic house museum after the house was deeded to them in 1968 by the Hanlon sisters, descendants of Joseph Fischer.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE The Benicia project was undertaken by HABS in the summer of 1976 in cooperation with Exxon Company, USA, and the Benicia Historical Society. The project supervisor was John P. White and the project historian was Robert Brueggmann.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Report written for the state Department of Parks and Recreation for the restoration in 1976 has superseded HABS data written by Emi Ichikawa in 1961.		